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# WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Feb. 2, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30 -- Avocados and cranberries are the week's

Best Buys from the fruit department.

Good Buys include Watsonville Newtown apples and Imperial Valley grapefruit.

Papayas are a Fair Buy.

The Best Buy line-up on vegetables is the same as last week -- cauliflower,  
parsnips and sweet potatoes.

Carrots, broccoli and Brussels sprouts are Good Buys this week, along  
with dry onions, lettuce, celery and cabbage.

## MEAT --

In anticipation of some national action, trading has been for immediate  
needs only in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. In contrast, an increased  
beef slaughter has resulted in offerings being considerably heavier this past  
week than for several weeks. As a result, prices tended to drop on beef, with  
Good and Commercial steer beef carcasses selling \$1.00 per hundredweight below  
a week ago. Some beef cuts, too, sold \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight lower.  
Veal and calf advanced in price, especially Commercial grade veal, which sold  
\$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight higher. About 65 percent of the usual amount  
of lamb was slaughtered this past week and held unchanged in price. In the pork  
division, there was a fairly good supply of mid-western pork loins but scarce  
supplies of other items. Regular fresh hams dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight.  
Otherwise prices were unchanged.

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BUTTER --

In the San Francisco wholesale butter market, distributors have continued to use their own reserve stocks, which have been fully ample for the moderate demand. Butter production still continues on a downward trend. Prices are unchanged from a week ago, with Grades A&AA (1st Quality) quoted to retailers at  $77\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) at 76 to 77 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

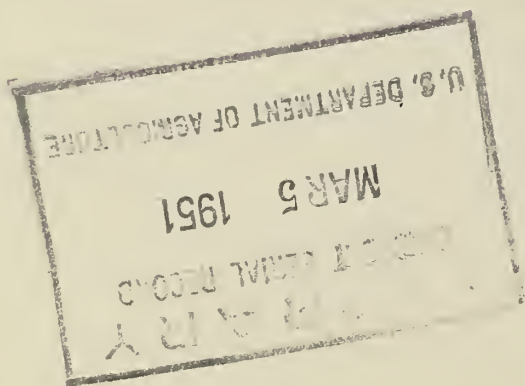
In the egg market, large shipments from the Central West have been received to supplement local supplies needed for an increased demand. Prices remain unchanged from last week. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons; and Grade "A" Smalls, 51 to 52 cents per dozen in cartons.

POULTRY --

Broilers, fryers, roasters and heavy hens, which have been recently in short supply, are now being offered freely in the wholesale market. Prices are little changed on these classes, although broilers are 1-cent per pound higher than a week ago. Young tom turkeys have been in only small demand, but have advanced 1-cent per pound. Domestic rabbits also are up 2 to 3 cents per pound above a week ago. All other classes remain unchanged.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Feb. 9, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 --- Grapefruit from Arizona and the Imperial Valley is rated as a Best Buy this week, along with avocados and cranberries.

Good Buys include medium-sized Watsonville Newtown apples and Winter Nelis and D'Anjou pears.

Cauliflower, parsnips and sweet potatoes are still the Best Buys from the vegetable bin.

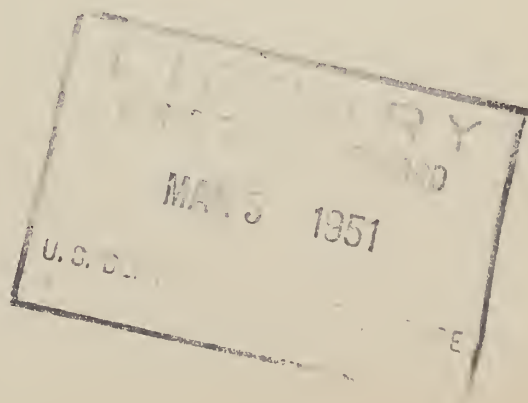
In the Good Buy class this week are lettuce, celery, broccoli and Brussels sprouts.

Fair Buys include carrots, artichokes and hothouse rhubarb from Washington.

#### MEAT --

There has been little change in the San Francisco wholesale meat market this past week. Generally, supplies have been ample for the slackened demand and there has been very little change in prices. In the pork division some picnics and hams were selling \$1.00 per hundredweight lower, and in the beef division Good rounds and chucks advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight. Otherwise, prices were unchanged.

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BUTTER --

Butter prices have remained unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market. Supplies are ample for demand. For the week ended Feb. 1, production in the Pacific Coast and Mountain states gained 2 percent over the previous week, but was still 7 percent less than a year ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality),  $77\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality), 76 to 77 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

Egg prices have dropped 3 to 5 cents since last week. Grade "A" Large are down 3 cents on quotations to retailers at 52 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums are down 4 cents at 50 to 51 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls are 5 cents lower at 46 to 47 cents per dozen. Supplies of all grades are ample for the moderate to good demand.

POULTRY --

With the exception of a 1-cent-per-pound price rise on young tom and hen turkeys, poultry prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market. Supplies are ample for the fairly good demand.

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### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Feb. 16, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13 --- Best Buys in fruit this week include avocados, cranberries, and very large D'Anjou pears from Oregon.

Good Buys are medium-sized Watsonville Newtown apples and grapefruit from Arizona and the Imperial Valley.

There is no change in vegetables from last week. Cauliflower, parsnips, and sweet potatoes remain Best Buys, while lettuce, celery, broccoli and Brussels sprouts are Good Buys.

Carrots, artichokes and hothouse rhubarb from Washington are still Fair Buys.

#### MEAT ---

Irregularity in shipments this past week resulted in a lighter local slaughter available for the San Francisco wholesale meat market, as well as somewhat smaller supplies of fresh, sweet pickle and cured meats from the Mid-west. However, demand has been only fair and prices have held fairly steady. In the beef division, Choice grade steer carcasses sold unchanged to \$1.00 per hundredweight higher, and Good grade hindquarters and forequarters sold \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight higher. Veal, calf, and lamb all held unchanged, while pork loins, fresh hams and picnics all advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight. Lard also gained \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight.

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BUTTER ---

Butter prices have remained unchanged from a week ago under a slow demand. Although fresh supplies are barely ample, there is a good supply of storage stocks. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality),  $77\frac{1}{2}$  to 80 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality), 76 to 77 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS ---

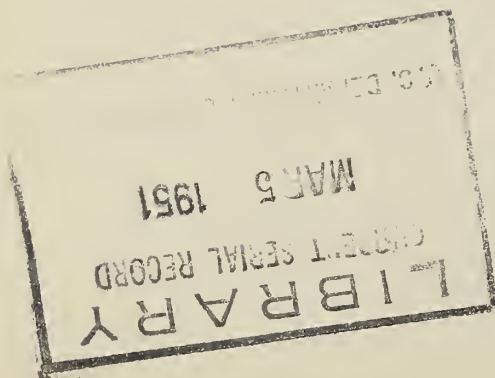
Egg prices also are unchanged from a week ago. Supplies are adequate for demand, even though production is still lagging behind the usual seasonal increase in local areas. Shipments from Mid-western areas have been used to supplement local supplies. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 52 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 50 to 51 cents per dozen in cartons; and Grade "A" Smalls, 46 to 47 cents per dozen in cartons.

POULTRY ---

Prices are down 1-cent per pound on all weights of fryers as the result of liberal offerings and only a light demand, while all weights of light-type hens are selling 1-cent per pound higher because of a better demand. Supplies of all other classes of poultry are adequate for demand at unchanged prices.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Feb. 23, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20--- Best Buys in fruit this week are Arizona  
grapefruit, cranberries, and very large D'Anjou pears from Oregon.

Good Buys include avocados and Hawaiian pineapples.

Medium-sized Watsonville Newtown apples are a Fair Buy.

Among the vegetables, the Best Buys are cauliflower, Brussels sprouts,  
and parsnips.

Rated as Good Buys this week are lettuce, rhubarb, sweet potatoes and  
celery.

In the Fair Buy class are carrots, peas, and artichokes.

Luxury items include asparagus, which is coming to market in heavier  
supply and is dropping in price, and Hawaiian corn.

#### MEAT --

Less meat has been available in the San Francisco wholesale market this  
past week. Reasons: reduced slaughter of cattle and hogs because of higher  
replacement costs on those two classes, and lighter offerings from the Mid-West.  
Demand has been somewhat irregular. Prices have held practically unchanged on  
beef, veal, calf, lamb and mutton. Pork loins, though, gained \$4.00 to \$6.00  
per hundredweight, and skinned smoked hams dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight.

#### BUTTER --

Although there has been some improvement in the demand for butter in the  
wholesale market, trading is still rather light. Western production continues  
on the downgrade, but supplies are ample. Prices have dropped 1-1/2 cents since  
a week ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&A(1st Quality, 77½ to 78½  
cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 75 to 76½



EGGS --

Egg prices have advanced 2 to 3 cents under a good demand for moderate supplies. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 54 to 55 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 53 to 54 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 44 to 45 cents.

POULTRY --

In the San Francisco wholesale poultry market there are ample supplies of broilers and fryers for their fair demand, but supplies of roasters and hens are barely ample for their good demand. Broilers, fryers, light-type hens under 4 pounds, ducks, and rabbits have all gained 1-cent per pound since last week. Other classes remain unchanged.

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